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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Geologists

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: June 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Schenck, President, Professional Member Scott Blaier, Vice-President, Professional Member Kimberly McKenna, Secretary, Professional Member Lorene Athey, Public Member Patricia Ennis, Public Member Amos Aiken, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General Renee' Holt, Administrative Specialist II Michele Urbaniak, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

N/A

PUBLIC PRESENT

N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to amend the agenda to include David Streetsmith's new application by Reciprocity from Pennsylvania as Item 4.1.2. The motion was unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 5, 2010, meeting. Mr. Schenck made the motion to approve the meeting minutes contingent upon insertion of the course name for the application for approval submitted by James Stuby, seconded by Mr. Aiken. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Athey, to table the March 12, 2010, and April 9, 2010, meeting minutes until the June Board Meeting when they should be finalized by Ms. Holt.

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OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter

Mr. Schenck reviewed the draft newsletter provided and stressed that it needed to be finalized and mailed not later than July 1, 2010. Ms. Reardon advised Mr. Schenck that she would submit information to be included in the newsletter regarding continuing education before the June Board Meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken to table the newsletter to be finalized at the June meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Schenck reviewed the information discussed at a previous Board meeting regarding the Geologist In Training (GIT) program. Ms. Reardon stated she would research the language and requirements for Certificates of Authorization for the Engineering and Land Surveyor professions and report back to the Board with comments regarding the possibility of utilizing a Certificate of Authorization to meet the purposes of the Board. Ms. Holt stated she would provide supporting information from the Land Surveyor Board. Mr. Schenck confirmed Ms. Holt would mail the notification to the schools regarding the ASBOG FG examination offering. Ms. Holt confirmed she would email the draft letter to Mr. Schenck for review. Mr. Schenck stated he wanted the letters to be sent to the same mailing list from the last mailing as soon as possible.

Regarding the goal to increase travel funds, Mr. Schenck reported that he met with Mr. James Collins, Director of the Division of Professional Regulation, on April 18, 2010, and discussed increased travel funding to allow for two members of the Board to attend the ASBOG meetings. Mr. Collins agreed with Mr. Schenck that it would be beneficial for the Board Administrative Liaison to attend the Annual Meeting in the event there is an administrator's workshop. Mr. Schenck stated he would verify with ASBOG's Executive Director if there would be an administrative workshop at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Mr. Schenck stated the meeting provided positive feedback regarding the ability to travel for the meetings in the future and was pleased that the importance of the Board's voting representative being present was recognized.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for Licensure

Mr. Blaier reviewed the application for Andrew Lent. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the application for licensure pending successful passing of the ASBOG examination. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lorene Athey entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Renee Holt entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Mr. Blaier reviewed the application for David Streetsmith. Mr. Blaier reported that of the four references listed on Mr. Streetsmith's application, only two had responded with a total of 20 months work experience in Pennsylvania. As required in Board Rule 2.2.1.3, Mr. Streetsmith must submit at least two references to attest to a minimum of two years geologic work experience in the jurisdiction from which he applied. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to table the application and send a letter to Mr. Streetsmith to request additional references that can attest to a minimum of 4 additional months of geologic work experience in Pennsylvania. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Holt confirmed the letter would be specific and detailed to provide Mr. Streetsmith the opportunity to acquire the appropriate information for submission.

2.2.1.3 Evidence that the applicant is currently licensed or certified in the jurisdiction from which he/she is applying and the applicant has practiced for a minimum of two (2) years after licensure in the jurisdiction from which he/she is applying including two (2) professional references on forms provided by the Board. An applicant may not obtain reciprocity on a lapsed or expired license or certification. The references must attest that the Applicant has completed at least two (2) years of work experience in Geologic work satisfactory to the Board. The required two years of Geologic work experience attested to by the referees must have been performed in the jurisdiction from which the applicant is seeking reciprocity.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Mr. Schenck confirmed with Ms. Holt that the Board had a vacant professional member position. Mr. Schenck stated he would contact Ms. Lydia Prigg at the Governor's office to determine the status of the efforts to fill the vacancy and offer recommendations if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware. Ms. McKenna reported she would not be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist II

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